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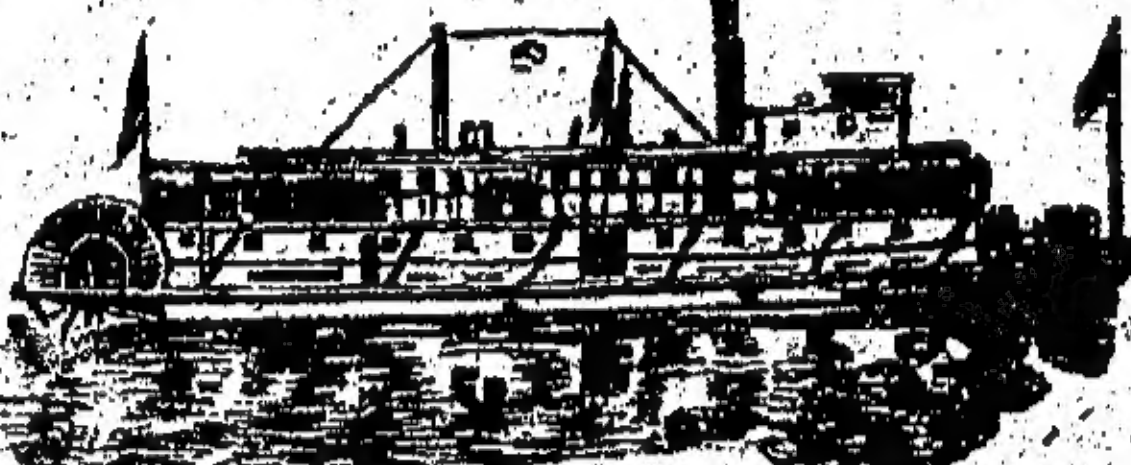
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this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Bahian* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, January 6.—
9 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
Goods per *Princess* undelivered after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.
Goods per *Palawan* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 8.—
Goods per *Bahian* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

SAUNDAY, January 16.—
9 p.m.—A Concert of Hongkong Volun-
teer Corps at City Hall.

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NOTHING is more distressing than to
see a helpless little infant suffering
with a cough and to be fearful of using a
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BIRTHS.
On December 21, at Hankow, the wife
of R. J. Booth, Wesleyan Mission, of a
son, John Herbert Perrott.
On December 25, at 9, Chancery
Road, Shanghai the wife of W. E. Kent,
of a son.
MARRIAGE.
At Amsterdam, N.Y., U.S.A., on the
20th November, 1903, by the Reverend
Henry T. McEwen, D.D., Rev. FRANK P.
GILMAN, missionary in Haimen, China, to
Miss MARY M. WHITE, widow of Rev.
Walter White, of the Am. Presby.
Mission, Canton. No cards.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.40 p.m.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

His Excellency the Officer Adminis-
trating the Government, on behalf of H. M.
the King, has given his assent to Ordinance
No. 24 of 1903—An Ordinance to provide
for Payment of Counsel's Fees by the
Attorney General in certain cases in which
the Attorney General appears as Counsel.

Back from Home.
Among the arrivals at the P. & O.
mail steamer *Dorset* to-day were Detective
Inspector D. D. Cuthbert, Mrs. Cuthbert,
and Miss Cuthbert. Inspector Cuthbert
has been absent on nine months leave to
Scotland, and has brought his wife out
with him. He will take up his duties
immediately and will be quartered in No.
8 Police Station.

Kowloon School.
We have been asked to inform our
readers that a short Children's Cantata, under
the patronage of His Excellency Mr F. H.
May and Mrs. May, will be given at Kowloon
School on Jan. 8 at 6 p.m., and on
Jan. 9 at 2.30 p.m. Tickets of admission
may be obtained at the door or by previous
application to the Kowloon School authorities.
The proceeds will be given to the
funds of the Ministering Children's League.

Looking After Thomas Atkins.
The home authorities (says that *Mad-
ras Times*) have approved of the issue of
one pint of ale to British troops on home-
ward voyages instead of rum. A proposal is
now before Government to issue spectacles,
at Government expense, to British soldiers
whose eyesight is defective, provided they
become efficient. A despatch will shortly be
sent to the Secretary of State for India on
the subject of improvements of pension, of
Department Warrant Officers, Military
wards.

H.M.S. 'Centurion'.
The *World* says:—The Navy League
is justly incensed at the gross blundering
which resulted in the *Centurion* having
been put in commission for service in the
Mediterranean with defective gun-sights.
These are so utterly bad that the gunnery
experts of the *Excellant*, whose duty it is
to conduct gun-drills on the commissioning
of a ship, absolutely declined to do so in this
case, alleging it to be impossible to hit a
target with the aid of such sights! This
difficulty is said to have been overcome by
sending the ship into the Channel with or-
ders for the usual number of rounds with-
out troubling to rig target! It is freely
asserted that many of H.M. ships now on
foreign service are in no better plight, and
the remarkable disparities between results of
prize-driving seem to afford circumstantial
evidence in support of this contention.

Sir Henry Blake.
Dealing with the accusations brought
against Sir Henry Blake of being pro-
Chinese, the *Times of Ceylon* says:—It is
admittedly an impossible task to be equally
acclaimed by the journals representative of
communities which come into competition
with increased strenuousness as the one
increases in number and the other in
education and wealth. Either the pro-
Chinese journal or the pro-European
newspapers have taken a superficial view
of Sir Henry Blake's acts as touching
racial interests; but, whatever the
future may decide in that regard, the aim
of the European press in Ceylon will be to
judge. His Excellency's administration
sympathetically on its merits. Unwilling
to detect a bias which may not exist, it
will be uninfluenced by the interpretation
of those who would welcome a policy lead-
ing to the present normal condition
of things in favour of an unnatural haste
in that general and steady development
which is to be expected in every British
Crown Colony, and welcomes a token of
the suitability and success of British
methods of administration.

He Found Relief.
GEORGE RUDKIN, Town Clerk,
Kumara, New Zealand, says:—
I have very great pleasure in stating that
having used Chamberlain's Pain Balm in
a very severe attack of sciatica, I found
immediate relief. Had before tried many
other embrocations for the same purpose,
but found this the most efficacious.
Several of my friends who have been
afflicted with rheumatism have, on my
advice, tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm
with equally good results. I confidently
recommend it to those in need of a good
household remedy or embrocation. For
sale by all chemists and medicine vendors;
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TELEGRAMS.

CHINA MAIL'S EXECUTIVE SERVICE.
SUPPLIED BY REUTER, via HONKAY.
RISING OF THE AKAPOTOS.
THE BRITISH RESIDENT
KILLED.

LONDON, December 31.
A rising has occurred amongst the
Akapoto tribe, South of the Benue
River.

The British Resident and a police
officer were killed in a conflict with the
tribesmen.
Punitive operations will be under-
taken shortly by the British.

[The Benue or Chadda River is an
important river in Northern Nigeria, and
forms the eastern branch of the Niger,
which it joins about 200 miles above the
mouth of that river in the Gulf of Guinea.
The river rises in Funtum, and is regarded
by some as the best route to enter Central
Africa.—F.O. C.M.]

TRANSVAAL LABOUR PROBLEM.
SIR GEORGE FARRAR'S
MOTION CARRIED.

LONDON, December 31.
The Transvaal Legislative Council
has passed the motion introduced by
Sir George Farrar in favour of the
importation of Chinese into the
Transvaal.

[Mr Allan Taylor, of Sydney, who re-
cently returned to Australia from the
Africa said, during an interview, that the
most discussed question in South Africa
present was that relating to cheap labor for
the mines. 'There are,' he said, 'about
75,000 Indians employed on the mines, and
the rate of wages paid to them varies from
1/6 to 5/6 per day. The railways are busy
thousands of them, and instructions have
been issued by the Chief Commissioner
that no new work must be undertaken,
and the labor now available reduced to the
lowest ebb in favor of the mines. There
is a plenty of white labor obtainable, but the
evidence taken before the commission
proved conclusively that the mines could
never be worked profitably if white labor
were employed for the class of work the
natives perform. Instead of half-a-crown
per day for labor, the mine would have
to pay white men from 10/ to 12/ and they
could never do it. The cost of transport
and of materials is alarmingly high.'—
E.O. C.M.]

TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST IN
CHICAGO.

THE IROQUOIS THEATRE
DESTROYED.

Hundreds of People Burned.

LONDON, December 31.
The disastrous fire which occurred
in Chicago, was in the Iroquois
Theatre.

The building was one of magnificent
proportions, and was a new structure,
modelled after the Opera Comique of
Paris.

The loss of life was terrible, between
500 and 600 people being either burned
or killed.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]
BODIES FILED TWELVE DEEP.

LONDON, December 31.
During a matinee performance yesterday
of the Drury Lane Pantomime 'Blue
Beard' (in Chicago) the audience took
panic and rushed the exits, fighting de-
spicately in the corridors, where hundreds
were burned and crushed to death.
The loss of life is estimated at from 400
to 600.

The occupants of the gallery were caught
in a trap, and many were burned alive or
suffocated. Some leaped frenzied into the
stalls below, where the flames swallowed
them. Many bodies were wedged upright
between the seats.

The greatest mortality occurred at the
foot of the gallery stairs where the bodies
were piled twelve deep. Many of the
victims were young women and children.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.
LONDON, December 30.
Russia and Japan are buying quantities
of beef in Chicago. 100,000 barrels of floor
have been sold at St. Paul for export to
Japan and 11,500 tons of coal is loading at
Norfolk, Virginia, for Japan.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Tokyo correspond-
ent wires that emergency measures include
the raising of temporary loan repayable
in two years.
[The following ships are on their way to
Japan or are loading coal at Cardiff: *Honkai*,
Hell, *Norfolk*, *Coron*, *Yokohama*, *Yokohama*,
Hallfleur, *Diamond*, and *Barfleur*. The
last four for the Far East with coal are the
Aberdeen for Vladivostok from Cardiff;
Sydney for Hongkong, *Maritima* for Japa-
n, *Yokohama* for Vladivostok, *Poznan*
Hall for Port Arthur, *Barfleur* for Sasebo,
Yokohama for Port Arthur, *Sirocco* for
China and Japan; *Yokohama* for Sasebo,
Singapore; *Aberdeen* for Japan and Sasebo;
Barfleur for Port Arthur, Vladivostok,
—E.O. C.M.]

THE RECENT SALE OF WAR-
SHIPS.

Japan was the purchaser of the armoured
cruisers *Mogami* and *Kikaido*.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN NAVAL MOVEMENTS.
Five Russian torpedo vessels from Tunis
have arrived at Malta, where they have
been docked.

FRANCE AND RUSSIA.
The new Russian Ambassador has pre-
sented his credentials to President Loubet.
Speeches were exchanged emphasizing the
alliance, which constituted a valuable
guarantee for the peace of the world.

[N.G. DAILY NEWS SERVICE.]

THE CRISIS.
Tokyo, December 27.
An extraordinary meeting of the Privy
Council is to be held on Monday forenoon
(28th), to be attended by all the Ministers.
An Imperial edict will be given to-morrow
(28th) to the Privy Councillors and Minis-
ters. The significance of this must be
apparent.

In the afternoon the Ministers will dis-
cuss certain urgent measures.

PEKING, December 24.
Mr Uchida, the Japanese Minister, had
an interview with Prince Ching yesterday
to ensure his maintaining a correct view of
the present situation.

Kobe, December 24.
The *Tokai Maru* and *Fukuka Maru*,
belonging to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and
the *Chigo Maru*, *Asama Maru*, *Ariake*
Maru, and *Mandarin Maru*, belonging to
other owners, have been chartered to car-
ry coal and supplies.

There is unusual activity at the arsenal
and naval stores, also at Kure, the head-
quarters of the Sixth Division of the
army.

There is to be an extraordinary meeting
of the Cabinet to-morrow.

'The Restive Jiji.'
Punch says:—A Japanese journal,
the *Jiji*, is agitating for an ultimatum to
be sent to Russia. In diplomatic circles
it is felt that a curb should be put upon this
restive *Jiji*.

Returning From Banishment.
At the Magistrate's day before Mr T.
Sorceombe Smith, a native was sentenced to
twelve months' gaol and six hours' stocks
for returning from banishment. His ex-
cuse was that he wanted to get clothes and
rice. 'That's what you were banished for,'
said His Worship, 'taking other
people's property.'

Getting Civilised.
A Chinaman, who described himself as
a comrade of the Tung Hing, but who
was then unemployed, celebrated the New
Year by getting drunk. He found his way
into the street and commenced to use
indecent language. A Chinese Constable
remonstrated with him, but for his trouble
received a blow over the eye. For the as-
sault the constable was fined \$25, or four-
teen days' gaol, while for being drunk and
disorderly the fine was \$5, in default
seven days' imprisonment. Mr T. Sorceombe
Smith imposed the penalties at the Magis-
tracy this morning.

St. Joseph's College.
Brother Joshua, of St. Joseph's College
has not been appointed Director of the
Institution, in place of Brother Francis
who has gone to Kwala Lumpur to
establish a new school. Brother Joshua,
who is now 70 years of age, has done a lot
of hard work in the improvement of the
College, and recently personally collected
\$5,250 for the erection of two wings.

In Penang and Singapore, too, Brother Joshua
performed good work in a similar direction,
collecting \$25,000 at the former place, and
\$20,000 at the latter for the erection of
schools.

Hill's World's Entertainers.
Hill's World's Entertainers put on a
change of programme to-night. During
the holidays they have taken well,
the work of Hill and Sylvain on the
bicycles fairly bringing down the house.
Leonard Nelson has sung his way into
popular favour with a vengeance, and his
appearance is eagerly waited for every
night. Kelly and Agnes also enjoy the
popularity which they at first secured, and
Miss Leslie Norman never fails to secure
encores for her charming singing. Lorenz
the Mystic continues to succeed to fairly
baffle his audience and there are many
who wonder whether he is a wizard or
just an ordinary human being.

Miss Maud Christie has created a very favour-
able impression, and is encored nightly.
About the hardest working member of the
company is Miss May McCrystal, who
presides at the piano throughout the en-
tertainment. Miss McCrystal is a skilled
musician, and deserves all the credit she
gets for her playing.

Lancet in the Blood.—We have seen
hundreds of letters from people who have secured
great benefit from the use of Claret's Blood
Mixture. It cannot be too highly estimated, for
it cleanses and clears the blood from all im-
purities. This is a good testimonial from the
Family Doctor, which goes on further to say:
'It is the finest Blood Purifier that science and
still have brought to light, and we can with the
most confidence recommend it to our subser-
bers and the public generally.' For Scrofula,
Scanty, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood
Diseases, Impure and Sore of all kinds, its
effects are marvellous. Thousands of wonderful
cures have been effected by it. Claret's Blood
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NEW YEAR.

So far as Hongkong is concerned,
New Year's Day passed off quietly. New
Year's Eve was a considerable entertainment
at the 'pin' of brown hands. The group
welcomed with much gusto, and was
drinking, and screaming of etc., etc.,
and, in the vicinity of the
skyrockets, greeted the coming year
showers of dazzling stars. At the
ball of the Hongkong and Whampoa L.
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night in singing 'Auld Lang Syne,' and an
electric light device, 1903, was so ingenio-
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holiday, and the principal event was the
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pliments of the season, and enjoying at the
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The Dock Ball.
One of the most cordial and enjoyable
dancing events of the year is the ball pro-
moted by the staff of the Hongkong and
Whampoa Dock Company, which is always
held (the day being suitable) on the 31st
of December. As entertainers the Dock
people cannot be surpassed, and the
result is residents look forward with
considerable anticipation to this festi-
val. Thursday night was no exception to the
rule, and everything possible was done to
make guests comfortable and happy in the
large and brightly illuminated hall. The
decorations were particularly attractive,
and consisted of flags and greenery beau-
tifully intermingled, with the flag of the
Company in electric lights at the end of the
hall and the device '1903' in similar lights
on one side of the hall. When the midnight
hour sounded the figure '3' gave place with
startling rapidity to the figure '4,' and all
present joined hands and cheered in the new
year afterwards singing 'Auld Lang Syne'.
Portion of the hall was partitioned off with
flags as cloak rooms, bar, and card rooms,
and the whole was fully availed of. Dances
of all descriptions were provided and some
hundreds of people enjoyed them to the full.
Mr Dixon, Chief Manager of the Company,
was present, and did the honours on behalf
of the directors. A delightful supper was
spread in the billiard room, and people to
say all present appreciated it. Dancing
continued until the early hours of the mor-
ning, and one and all left regretfully, feel-
ing that they would not be able to have
such a pleasant time until Hogmanay Day
of 1904 arrived. The Secretary of the ball
was Mr W. Stewart, who, with the com-
mittee, Messrs T. Neave, J. Parkes, A.
Kinross, J. Sibbert, D. A. Fyres, S. Wil-
son, H. S. Wynn, and W. Davidson, worked
energetically to promote the success, which
was attained. The M.C. were Messrs.
J. Parkes and J. Sibbert.

Tars Entertained.
Lieut. Carrington entertained the crew of
H.M.S. *Edith* to the number of seventy
at a supper at Connaught House on Thursday
night. The men then attended the por-
formance of Hill's World's Entertainers at
the City Hall and then went to Connaught
House, where a pleasing repast had been
laid for them. The health of the King, the
Navy, and the Lieutenant, were among the
toasts cordially given by the sailing tars.
The New Year was welcomed by them with
songs and cheers, and shortly after mid-
night had chimed they left.

A Police Smoking Concert.
At the Water Police Headquarters,
Kowloon, a smoking concert was held on
Thursday night. There was a large at-
tendance of members of the force and
their families, and an enjoyable evening
was spent. Owing to the indisposition of
Capt. F. W. Lyons, he was unable to
attend, and wrote regretting his inability
to be present. The chair was filled by
Mr E. Halliday, during the earlier part
of the evening, but later on Chief Inspector
Baker relieved him. Others present in-
cluded Insp. Langley (president), Serg.
C. F. Ais (secretary), and Messrs Kerr,
Widdell, Boole, Jackson, Atter, Cunnell,
Parker, and Gifford, while Sergt. A.
McSwaghey, of the Central, who some
time ago met with a serious injury
necessitating his removal to hospital,
received a very hearty welcome from his
colleagues. Songs and songs filled in the
evening, and among those who contrib-
uted vocal items were Messrs McLean, Ste-
venson, Jack, Varney, Mitchell, Decker,
Hoskins, Gilbert, Rogers, Barnett, Wood,
Jackson, Burgess, Ryder and Amitege.
The grounds of the Water Police Station
were tastefully decorated with Chinese lan-
terns, which shed a mellow light over the
scene, and the concert room was hung with
flags.

New Year's Eve at Union Church.
The Christian Endeavourers and their
friends took in hand as usual a long evening
and the passage into the New Year. Soon
after eight o'clock the hall was well filled
for a varied entertainment. Songs, read-
ings and recitations were rendered by Mrs
Brand, Miss Stewart, Messrs Bonnar,
Goldring, Hickling, Holyoake, Howard,
Lucas, Moss and Sims. Dickens's *Breach
of Promise* (by *Barrett* & *Pickwick*),
was reproduced by the members of the
Literary Club which elated. Over a hundred
guests remained to supper—substantial and
well-served by Mesdames Allnutt, Brand,
Grimes, Hickling, Tutch and many
helpers. At half-past eleven, the Rev. C.
H. Hickling conducted a watch night
service in the Church, dwelling especially
on the words of Jesus: 'Let us go over to
the other side.' The congregation separated
soon after midnight, heartily wishing
each other a happy, healthful, prosperous
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HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated 31st December, Messrs Benjamin, Kelly and Partners state:—

As was the case last week, we are obliged to write one day in advance on account of the New Year holidays which commence to-morrow. Business during the interval has been exceedingly limited, and we have nothing particular to remark thereon. The Settlement, both here and in the North, passed off without incident, the former, particularly the stocks in Shanghai, notably Earhams and Langkats, have considerably strengthened their position. On the last page of this Circular we appended a list of the principal speculative value of local stocks on the 31st December for the past ten years, which, we think, will be found of interest. Among the stocks presented the cottons have long been mentioned. North-Chinas which show a rise of Tls 42, followed by Hongkong Lands which have de-

Insurance—during the year 1991, the Hong Kong Insurance Association reported that the quotations for Hong Kong Fires is \$90 below that of the previous year. It now remains for us to ask all our readers to accept the compliments of the season and our wishes for their prosperity in the year 1991.

Share Sampling—The Hong Kong Stock Exchange has been negotiating during the week at \$600 closing quote at \$600. The London quotation is \$235. Nationals have heard of this and are now wanted at \$314.

Marine Insurances—We have heard of no transactions, buy or sell, of the Union Marine Insurance Co. Ltd. in the year 1991. It is at \$40 or is there any change in rates to report.

Fire Insurances—Hongkong Fires remain dull at \$310. China Fires have advanced and have been disposed of at \$92.

Shipping—Hongkong, Canton and Shanghai Steamships are still in the market.

at \$311, after sales at the rate. Indo-China has fallen in sympathy of the market in the North to \$21 at which quotation shares have changed hands. Dugong has fallen to \$20.50, after sales. It is still unchanged at \$20. China and Manila are unchanged with sellers at \$18. Star Ferries have again found buyers at \$30 for the old shares. Shell Transporters are without buyers but remain firm at \$30.50. The shares of the Chinese and Shanghai Tug Company are reported to be sold at \$15.50; the preference shares at \$15.50 and the \$14.50.

Refineries.—China Sugars have further declined and are on offer at \$104.

Mineral Products.—Mining stocks have for the present, happily ceased. Rubber is prevalent at \$7.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks were in some

demand but despite or owing to the fact that the market is not so active at the close, however, the market is not so active, and there are buyers now at \$207 1/2. Furnishings have been booked at rapidly advancing rates up to Tls. 121 and close with further enquiries at this figure. There are no sellers of Kowloon Wharves at \$97. Hongkong wharfs have ruled steady and transacted at \$100, 215 being the highest recorded.

Leases, Hotels and Buildings—Hongkong lands have dropped from \$ 57 1/2 to \$105, at which latter price shares have been placed. Shanghai lands have been placed at \$11, \$104 1/2, and more shares are required at \$32. Kowloon Lands continue in quiet demand and are being sold at \$105 in request at \$35. Hongkong Hotels are steady with sales at \$148. Humphreys Estate have improved to \$111 but are not obtainable except at a higher price. Chinese Hotels are steady and are placed at \$102 and close with more buyers.

Cotton Mills—Evos have sellers at Tls. 33.

Cigar Companies.—Further sales of Superior cigars at Tls. 62 are reported from Shanghai.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cement Works have deposited to \$244 at which rate shares are indicated. A. S. Watson has sold his firm at \$147. Nothing more being said about small lots of #2 and more shares are asked for. Electrics have found buyers at \$100 and 87 for the old and new shares respectively. Langhams have been taken off the market at Tls 310 and Tls. 310, closing at \$100.

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